

Prior law, relative to the members of the Board of Pardons, required that each member, except the ex officio member, to possess not less than five years actual experience in the field of penology, corrections, law enforcement, sociology, law, education, social work, medicine, or a combination thereof.

New law retains prior law and adds that beginning with appointments made to the board, or appointments to fill a vacancy on the board, which occur after August 1, 2014, each member shall hold a bachelor's degree and have five years of experience in the additional fields of psychology and psychiatry. New law further provides that if a member does not have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, he is required to have no less than seven years experience in penology, corrections, law enforcement, sociology, law, education, social work, medicine, psychology, psychiatry, or a combination thereof.

Prior law provided that the ex officio member shall not be a voting member and shall not be counted or permitted to be counted for purposes of the number of members necessary to take board action or the number of members necessary to establish a quorum. In all other respects, the ex officio member shall have all the duties, authority, and requirements of any other board member.

New law removes the provision providing that ex officio member has all the duties, authority, and requirements of any other board member.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 15:572.1(A)(1)(c) and (G)(2))